

Wilson Invites Austria to Discuss Peace

ONLY LAKE CO. BOY ON TUSCANIA IS RESCUED

LAKE CO. AVIATOR IS SAVED

All Anxiety Set at Rest in Family By News Today From War Department.

(BULLETIN.) (By United Press.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—This government still was unable to announce the Tuscania death list today. Press dispatches based on careful checking of announced survivors against the ship's roster, showed 342 unaccounted for in official cables, so far compiled. War department reports show no change in the original statement that 113 officers and soldiers lost their lives.

Aviator Joseph McKee, of Hammond, the only Lake county boy on the torpedoed Tuscania, has been spared to his country.

Word from the adjutant-general's office at Whiting was received today by J. J. McKee, 134 Wabash street, officially reporting the boy to be among the survivors of the U. S. transport Tuscania which was sunk by torpedo off the Irish coast Tuesday.

Until today the boy was among the missing and his parents and sisters were torn with anxiety. He was the last of the Indiana boys to be listed in the dispatches and concern for his safety was state-wide.

A member of the 133rd aero squadron, Aviator McKee, who is twenty-two years of age, was on his way to France to complete his training before taking active part in the war above the clouds. He enlisted at Indiana Harbor April 6, having been employed with the Soifer Furniture Company. At that time his home was in Indiana Harbor where his father holds the position of foreman with the Union Iron Products Co.

Since then the family has moved to Hammond.

Joseph is the only son. His sisters are Mrs. H. E. Henderson of Oskosh, Wis., and Harriet and Helen who are employed in the offices of the General American Car Company. Mrs. Henderson hurried to Hammond when she learned of the sinking of the Tuscania and is now at the McKee residence. The suffering that Mr. and Mrs. McKee have gone through with since the sinking of the Tuscania has been terrible. Mr. McKee has not been able to work and Mrs. McKee swooned again and again.

It is a happy day at the McKee home.

HARBOR RECTOR GOES TO MUNCIE

Fr. M. M. Day Lost to S. Alban's at Indiana Harbor.

Fr. M. M. Day, pastor of the St. Alban's Episcopal church, Indiana Harbor, has resigned his present charge and will on the first Sunday in March, assume the duties of pastor of the Episcopal church at Muncie.

Father Day has seen his church grow from a list of eleven communicants to 164 communicants, and about two years ago he completed one of the most artistic church homes to be found in this country. During his pastorate the property at the corner of 137th and Eighth streets has increased in valuation fully \$18,000, due to the new edifices and the improvements made.

Not only the church organization, but the community will regret to lose a pastor so dearly beloved and a citizen of such sterling qualities.

The announcement to the Episcopal people was made yesterday.

WHAT'S A R. R. PRESIDENT NOW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Director General McAdoo will enforce civility along with efficiency in all branches of the railroad service.

Two hundred inspectors will be started over the railroads under government operation tomorrow to check every employee.

The recent case of a railroad president traveling to Washington led to the order. A long line of diners was waiting on the over-crowded Pennsylvania express. The magnate and his wife pushed ahead and were recognized by the conductor. Two persons rose from a table. The president and his wife were passed into the seats. Protesters from those who had waited half an hour were met with the curt reply:

"Why, that is Mr. ... of the Railroad."

Protests were sent to Mr. McAdoo. The conductor was summoned to Washington and ordered to give preference to no one, under penalty of being discharged.

Hammond Boy On Tuscania Saved From Death



JOSEPH MCKEE.

WILL IT BE WILL HAYS OR ADAMS?

Choosing of Republican National Chairman at Indianapolis Tomorrow Is One of Issues Rather Than of Men.

(By Times' Indianapolis Correspondent.) ST. LOUIS, Feb. 11.—Out of the meeting of the Republican national committee, which will be held here tomorrow, will come a solution of the question of whether the Republican party shall be managed by the old reactionary and standpat crowd that drove the party on the rocks of disaster in 1912 or whether it shall be managed by the progressive element that has rejuvenated the party and made it once more a factor in the political life of the nation.

That, in a nutshell, describes the real situation. It is not a matter of candidates for national chairman. The man who is chosen to fill that position will be only incidental to the main fact. What the national committee will decide at this meeting is whether the Republican party, shall go forward or backward. The issue is clearly drawn and the lineup will be unmistakable.

Adams and Hays. John T. Adams, of Iowa, is the candidate of the reactionary element for national chairman. The progressive Republicans believe WILL H. HAYS, of Indiana, would make a good national chairman, and although he is in no sense a candidate for the place, there is a strong movement among the progressive Republicans to elect him.

John T. King, of Connecticut, is the active candidate against Adams. Some say he is the Roosevelt candidate. Whether this is true will develop when a large number of the leaders arrive. The general impression seems to prevail, however, that favor Adams would not be at all displeased with King as the national chairman. King is a "Big Interest" man, who has been close to Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, crane, as every political observer knows, is and has been the real political brains of the reactionary element. He and Senator Boies Penrose, of Pennsylvania, have "played ball" together in politics for years, both representing the big trusts and big interests.

Both for Adams. No long ago there were signs of a political break between Crane and Penrose, and it looked for a time as if Crane would lose the cooperation of Penrose. But in the contest for national chairman, Crane and Penrose both are for Adams, who represents

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The W. S. S. campaign gives even the humblest of us a chance to do something to win the war.

TAX SALE ILLEGAL THEY SAY

City Administration Fails to Observe Law and Fearful Muddle Will Now Take Place About Titles.

Somebody blundered! And as a result the annual sale of property for delinquent taxes held at the city hall this morning might as well never have taken place.

For it was illegal. The list of land and lots according to the law as stated by different lawyers provides that in cities of over 10,000 inhabitants the delinquencies must be advertised in a daily newspaper where there is one. The law also provides that the lots shall be advertised for twenty-one days before the sale.

The first advertisement was dated on January 24 in the Lake County News a weekly paper, but the issue was not put in circulation until the 28th of January. Thus the sale of property at the city hall this morning was illegal for two reasons. Lawyers declare that the double error not only knocks out the sale of whatever lots were sold, but cancels tax titles which would have been given this year, but puts the tax collecting department in a pretty pickle.

There are those who declare, however, that the sale was legal and it didn't seem to make much difference with the buyers as a whole the list was pretty well cleaned up. Blocks of choice lots were gobbled up at a time and the sale which was held in the council room, did not last more than an hour.

A list of the lots remaining unsold is now being compiled by City Treasurer E. Bielefeld. The principal bidders at the sale was the Gostlin & Meyn Co., Hammond Savings and Loan Co., and Hammond Finance Co. of Hammond, and Julian H. Youche of Crown Point, Ind.

\$2,900 STOLEN FROM UNDER HIS PILLOW

Great Are the Trials and Tribulations of This Saloonkeeper.

With Sunday and Monday closings and April 2 near at hand the woes of the saloonkeeper are great. But this is too much.

Henry Gels was sleeping the sleep of the just at his home on Bauer street, Hammond. Enter through a window a gentleman with rubber soled shoes and long tapering fingers. Under the pillow on which Henry's unconscious head lay crept the fingers. Slowly they slip away clutching a bank roll and checks totaling \$2,900.

Gels, proprietor of a saloon at 462 East State street, spent the Sabbath endeavoring to get the names for whom he had cashed the checks Saturday at his place of business, it being a railroad payday. The checks were issued by the C. I. & S. Ry. and the saloonkeeper earnestly requests all of his patrons for whom he cashed checks to give him their names and the amounts as soon as possible so that he may notify the banks.

DRAFT EXAMINATIONS BEING HELD TODAY

Two Girls Who Blunder Into Room Full of Unclothed Boys Flee in Panic.

The second 200 draft registrants of the first class were examined today at the superior court house in Hammond by the exemption board and doctors and dentists of the city who volunteered their services. At noon only two men had been rejected and they were brothers. Each had an eye missing. A third man with only one leg was not rejected but his case referred to the medical advisory board as it is possible he could be used in some branch of the service. All doubtful cases are referred to the higher board and there are few rejections at Hammond.

Constitutional reignited in Room 2 where the examinations were being conducted, when two young ladies entered. There were over a dozen young men standing about the room in the "all together." They made a frantic dive for wearing apparel of any description and the girls turned and fled. They had entered the room by mistake, getting by the guard. Where they desired to go or what they wanted will never be known for they ran out of the court house and down the street in utter panic.

THERE ARE SMILES ABOARD THE TRANSPORTS AND SUBMARINES WILL NEVER SCARE THEM AWAY



American soldiers aboard a transport bound for France.

These American soldiers sailing for duty in France won't let submarines worry them while on the trip. In spite of the recent Tuscania disaster and in spite of all that the U-boats may try to do, it is certain that our boys will reach French soil and have a complete revenge. Transport travel will be safer hereafter than ever before. The photograph shows the men wearing their life-preservers as the ship approaches the submarine infested waters.

RUSSIA IS OUT OF THE WAR

(By United Press Cablegram.) AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—The Russian Bolshevik government has definitely withdrawn from the war and ordered complete demobilization of all Russian forces on all fronts. It was reported today.

Dispatches from Brest-Litovsk, while refusing to sign a formal peace pact, asserted "the war with the Central Powers is ended."

HAMMOND BOY IN BOMBED HOSPITALS

Serves Two Years As Paymaster Sergeant in Canadian Army at Front.

Another Hammond boy is home with wounds earned in the big war and tales of the trenches.

Avon McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. McDonald of 172 Highland street, is on unlimited furlough after two years of active service as paymaster in the Canadian army. It was Sergeant McDonald's duty to go into the trenches to pay off the men and while aiding an injured soldier he was wounded. The paymaster-sergeant spent five months in four different hospitals which were bombed at total of twelve times during that period. McDonald leaves for Winnipeg, Canada, where he was connected with the Great West Life Insurance Co. prior to the war. His position is open to him when he is discharged from service.

The young soldier brought home with him a gas mask, hand grenades and other relics of war.

Forecast for a Week.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the weather bureau Saturday, were:

Great Lakes region: Weather, unsettled with snow in north, rain in south part Monday, followed by colder Tuesday and Wednesday; seasonal temperatures thereafter except for brief periods of low temperature at end of week. Rain or snow again about Thursday.

ABOUT 300 NOW REGISTERED

At noon today in the neighborhood of three hundred alien enemies had been registered in Hammond and at the present rate they are flocking in, by Wednesday the close of the registration, the list may reach the four hundred mark.

Saturday was the busiest day since the registration started Monday of last week and the police believe they have broken all records. Ninety-one registrants were cared for and Chief Augusten, Captain Rimbach and Desk Sergeant Oscar Borchert were busy up until nine o'clock at night.

Mr. Borchert who has had charge of taking the finger prints for identification, took over two thousand during the day besides aiding in the other work. By the time Mr. Borchert is through he will have become an expert.

UNREST IS GROWING OVER THERE

(By Wm. Phillip Simms.)

(Copyright 1918 by United Press.) ZURICH, Feb. 11.—Unrest is growing daily throughout the Central Empires. Germany and Austria must have peace or go under. The people of both countries demand it. If the allies stand pat on the Wilsonian program and make a stone wall of the western front the end of the war is in sight.

This sums up the situation as seen from here at this time.

It doesn't mean that Germany is on the brink of a revolution. But it does mean that the people are tired of war and opposed to the pan-German policy of conquest.

They are angry over the privations at home and the losses of menfolk at the front. At the same time they believe President Wilson is sincere in his statement of war aims. There is no doubt but that the masses of the German people are beginning to see the light.

Only the diplomatic blunders of the allies have kept them bound to the war party this long. For instance, Philip Scheidemann, eighteen months ago, threatened something little short of a revolution unless the Junkers changed their tone. Shortly after this the allies published an intimation the war would not stop until the Central Empires were disrupted. Thereupon Scheidemann automatically aligned himself with the government. Like rats in a corner they intended to fight. Today the masses in Germany and Austria are in a mood to listen to reason.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR TO SPEAK AT RED X

Miss Mary Frances Patterson of California In Hammond Next Thursday.

Miss Mary Frances Patterson, head of the department of home economics at the University of California, will speak at the Red Cross rooms on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The University of California is one of the most patriotic centers in the country. Hundreds of students have enlisted as well as a large number of the professors. A special session was held last summer for the purpose of doing Red Cross work for which the faculty gave their services and the entire cycle of Red Cross training courses was given.

Miss Patterson, herself, gave the surgical dressings course to a class of over eighty people. Thousands of students work in the workrooms regularly, and among themselves have raised \$42,000 for the Red Cross.

Every one is welcome to come and hear the inspiring message from our western co-workers. Four o'clock Thursday at the Red Cross rooms, fifth floor, Hammond building.

Employees Clean Streets.

Employees of the Lion Store turned out in force today and removed the snow on the streets in front of the store. The snow was hauled away by the street car company.

Latest Bulletins

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Today probably is the last of the workless Mondays. Transportation and fuel conditions have been greatly improved by warm weather. It is considered almost certain the order will be rescinded in the east tomorrow.

(By United Press Cablegram.) AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—"May this be the first of a series of blessed conclusions of peace," declared German Foreign Minister Kuehlmann just before the peace pact with the Ukrainian pact was signed.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The U. S. employment service has decided to adopt the Australian policy of advancing transportation to "moving" labor to aid agricultural districts and ship yards. An appropriation of \$500,000 has been asked of congress.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Reorganization of the war department was practically complete today as the president planned conferences with congressional leaders on the bill giving him unlimited ability to slash red tape.

The new plan already revealed in part makes the chief of staff with the new war council the immediate advisory of the secretary of war and makes the general staff more important than affair.

(By United Press Cablegram.)

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 11.—Three-fourths of Finland is now in the hands of the anti-Bolshevik forces. It was announced from headquarters of the white guard today.

WATCH OUT FOR PICKPOCKETS NOW

Unless the crowding of 150 passengers on a car that seats less than half that number is stopped thousands of dollars will be lost through the operation of pickpockets on the H. W. & E. C. Ry. this spring and summer.

That is the policeman's prediction. Many cars are said to be in the barns with broken axles and others with bad motors. If the good motors were taken from cars having broken axles or the good axles taken from cars having bad motors and put on cars with good motors and broken axles, some cars could be restored to service.

Motorists and conductors resent the remarks of Dr. William Nichols who spoke at the transportation meeting of citizens last week. They claim the poor service is not the fault of the crews and that Nichols doesn't know what he is talking about.

MANY BUILDING CONTRACTS TAKEN

Building permits aggregating \$26,000 were taken out at the city hall in Hammond this morning and according to building commissioner Nitz, with the break of the weather, he expects a boom in the building line. For the erection of an office building costing \$20,000, the Standard Steel Car Company secured a building permit. R. C. Wickers, building contractor, took out permits for four houses costing in the neighborhood of \$4,000 each. They are to be erected on Aalchinson avenue and West Sheridan addition.

PRESIDENT GOES BEFORE CONGRESS

Lays Down Basis for Negotiations and Says Austria Concedes Principles.

(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—President Wilson today openly invited Austria to further discussion of peace with the United States.

In a remarkable address to congress in joint session the president laid down the basis for such negotiation.

Austria, he said, seeing and conceding the essential principles involved and the necessity of candidly applying them can respond to the purpose of peace as expressed by the United States with less embarrassment than could Germany.

The president was gratified, he said, at "the friendly tone" of the Austrian premier. He characterized Count Hertling's reply as vague and confusing, full of equivocal phrases and "certainly in a very different tone from that of Count Czernin and of apparently of an opposite purpose."

No peace is possible, he declared, on Hertling's basis, "individual barter and concession."

"The address was another broadside in the president's world campaign of 'open air democracy.'"

He embodied an open bid to Austria and a powerful stroke at the German militarists. It aimed to widen the wage between the Teuton peoples and their junker ruler.

"Until such a peace can be obtained, we have no choice but to go on."

Germany, the president said, is trying to arrange a peace following the "methods of the congress at Vienna. We cannot and will not return to that."

On the other hand Count Czernin, the Austrian premier, he said, "seems to see the fundamental elements of peace with clear eyes and does not seek to obscure them."

He expressed belief that Czernin would have gone much further in his reply to the president's last speech "if it had not been for Austria's alliance with and dependence upon Germany."

The president laid down the basis of future negotiations on the following terms:

First: That each part of the final settlement must be based on the essential justice of that particular case and upon such adjustments as are most likely to bring a peace that will be permanent.

Second: That peoples are not to be bartered about as if they were mere chattels or pawns in a game, even the great game now forever discredited in the balance of power.

Third: Every territorial settlement involved in this war must be made in the interests and for the betterment of the populations concerned and not as a part of any mere adjustment or compromise of claim among rival states.

Fourth: That all well defined aspirations shall be accorded the utmost satisfaction that can be accorded them without introducing new or perpetuating old elements of discord and antagonism that would be likely in time to break the peace of Europe and consequently of the world.

"A general peace if rested upon such terms," he said, "can be discussed."

NO FUEL SAVED THIS FINE SPRING DAY

It was a springlike spring day today, this fourth of the fuelless Mondays. Crowds turned out to enjoy the day, the first warm, sunny one in months, but there was no business.

In compliance with the fuel orders business houses were shut down. But they saved no more coal today by being closed than had they been open.

VISITING A PARISHONER

An item in Saturday's paper relative to the visit of Rev. Peter Budnik of St. Stanislaus Parish, East Chicago, to Hattiesburg, Miss., in Saturday's paper stated that Rev. Budnik had been visiting his son. Of course Father Budnik has no son. He was visiting the boys of his parish who had enlisted and the Hattiesburg correspondent was woefully off the scent.

"THIRTY" FOR OLD ABDUL

(By United Press Cablegram.)

COPIENHAGEN, Feb. 11.—Former Sultan of Turkey Abdul Hamid is dead, according to dispatches received here today. He succumbed to inflammation of the lungs.